

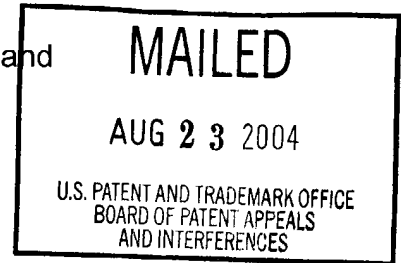
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte CHARLES W. RITTERSHAUS and
LAWRENCE J. THOMAS

Application No. 09/529,762



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on May 25, 2004. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

A copy of the Abstract is not found in the electronic application. A copy of the Abstract needs to be scanned into the electronic file.

Additionally, we were unable to locate a copy of the Stevens, Ngo, and Kubby references relied on by the Examiner on page 3 of the Examiner's Answer mailed December 29, 2003.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner to locate the three missing references (Stevens, Ngo, and Kuby), have a complete copy of each paper scanned into the IFW file, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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